



# Austin Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting Robin Blackmon, Presiding Officer November 28, 2023**

Legal Notice read by Kathy Foster

ERT moment by Tanya Rippenkroger

Call to Order (quorum present) at 7:02 p.m. by Robin Blackmon

Adoption of the Agenda with the addition to add a recommendation from the Founders Day Committee and move the announcement regarding the 49<sup>th</sup> annual regional conference before the nominating committee report. Moved by Jacqueline Habersham. Passed by unanimous vote.

Meditation/Reflection was rendered by Joan Roberts Scott

**Approval of August Minutes Recording Secretary Darralyn Johnson** reported that the November executive board minutes were uploaded to the Chapter's website and with no corrections given, the minutes stand approved as submitted.

**Correspondence reported by Corresponding Secretary LaKisha Crenshaw:** An email was received from former GEM participant and scholarship participant M. Hickson to thank the chapter for the positive impact on her life. Full report attached.

## **Chapter Reports**

### **Officers**

**President Robin Blackmon:** Report included the following:

- Greetings to EBoard meeting attendees
- Encouraged support of scholarship event "The Gift of Education"
- Clarified ruling on actions recommended from the nominating committee and the elections committee. The motions passed last month are inappropriate and would violate our written policies. In order to allow for those types of changes, the proposed changes should be submitted to the policies and procedures committee and if passed can be implemented in the future.
- Sister 2 Sister circles are moving and the leaders are encouraged to take action to engage the membership.
- The scholarship event is a partnership between Austin Alumnae Chapter and the Austin Delta Foundation. Our support is important.
- The red carpet event spearheaded by Arts and Letters is sold out. The viewing of the Color Purple will happen on 12/9 and those who have purchased tickets will be signed in upon arrival to the theatre.



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- World AIDS Day gala on 12/1/2023
- ED Dev is requesting school supply donations be brought to chapter meeting with the donations going to Oak Springs Elementary
- Charitable Partners is collecting toys for the Sickle Cell Foundation. A QR code is available to help with ordering toys

**Financial Secretary Anita Daniels:** Report included the following:

- November 2023 collections-\$8,600.00
- 288 members for the SY 2023
- 276 members for FY2024
- Dues amounts were presented
- Late fees are now in effect
- Members reminded to include member number in PayPal transactions
- The full report from the financial secretary can be found in the members only portion of the chapter's website.

**Treasurer/Budget and Finance Deborah Shaw-Boatner:** Report included the following:

- Beginning balance \$171,128.89 for all accounts.
- Ending balance \$172,378.48 for all accounts
- I Am SW region 100 donations were transferred to the regional conference account.
- There is a schedule for reimbursement distribution and voucher submission.
- SY23 voucher request deadline is 12/3/2023. If purchases need to occur between 12/3-12/31, please consider holding those purchases until after the new year. If not, those expenditures may be considered a donation.
- Committees with regularly scheduled activities or meetings after 12/3 need to expend funds after the 12/3 deadline, contact the treasurer and turn in your vouchers as soon as possible.
- The full report from the treasurer/budget and finance committee can be found in the members only portion of the chapter's website.

## Committee Reports

### Five Point Thrust

**Social Action Co-Chair Celeste Williams:** Report included the following:

- Moved that Austin Alumnae Chapter hosts Delta Day at City of Hutto during the month of February. Discussion occurred. The motion passed 28 for and 2 against.
- President Blackmon did note that this type of social action is a national initiative.



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## Announcements:

**49<sup>th</sup> Southwest Regional Conference Co-Chair Avis Gipson:** Report included the following:

- Special thank you to Soror Donna Jackson the special projects manager
- Thank you to the committee chairs and co-chairs who needed to provide submissions to the call to conference
- Committee member rooster has been distributed
- We have not reached outside of the chapter for volunteers
- If you have not donated to I AM SW 100-you are encouraged to do so.
- Target budget is \$150,000
- Budget template is forthcoming
- Duties and Responsibilities will be emailed to the chairs by Thursday.

## Standing Committees

**Nominating Committee Chair Carla Roberson:** Report included the following:

- With the ruling from the Scholarship and Standards Committee member the committee reconvened to review the existing nominations. No nominations were found to meet the evaluation matrix. No chapter awards will be distributed.

## Special Committees

**Founders Day Committee Co-Chair Tamala Saldana:** Report included the following:

- Founders Day is January 14, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Balcones Country Club. Guest speaker is Regional Director Crystal Barker.
- Delta Day of Service to occur January 13, 2024 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at the Ronald McDonald House (preparing lunch, this is the central location), Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center (preparing blankets of love, this is the North location) and the virtual location will be to donate baby and feminine supplies to the Austin Diaper Bank.
- The supplies for the virtual location can be brought to the chapter meeting on January 6, the Austin Delta Foundation house from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on January 13 or brought to the Founders Day program on January 14.
- Move that the Austin Alumnae Chapter host and participate in Delta Day of Service on January 13, 2024 at the following locations-Ronald McDonald House, Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center and a virtual option that will benefit the Austin Diaper Bank. Discussion occurred. Motion carried 26 for 0 against.

## Unfinished Business



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No unfinished business

## New Business

No new business

## Announcements:

Chapter Meeting December 2, 2023 10:00 a.m. in person

Executive Board meeting January 2, 2024 Virtual

January Chapter meeting January 6, 2024 in person

Rededication will be held prior to chapter meeting on February 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Sorors who are interested in serving should contact Soror Cedel Evans.

Policies and Procedures: As a reminder Austin Alumnae Members and Committees are invited to submit recommendations for change regarding the Chapter's Policies and Procedures by Thursday, November 30, 2023, to [dstatxpolicies@gmail.com](mailto:dstatxpolicies@gmail.com). The recommendations form is available in the member portal.

Membership Services White Christmas 2023: On Saturday, December 9, 2023, the Membership Services Committee will be spreading some holiday cheer to our sick and shut-in sorors. We will be singing joyous Christmas songs and blessing them with a special gift. If you know a soror who would love a visit, please notify Tanya Rippenkroeger at [tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com) or Melody Southall at [mlsouthall@gmail.com](mailto:mlsouthall@gmail.com).

Social Action-

- Get on Board 2023 – 2024 \*Sorors Only\* - January 27, 2024, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – ADF House 1190 San Bernard Austin, TX 78702
- Attend the School Board Meeting in your community, see the dates on the chapter's website calendar
- DDNC Save the Date: March 9-12, 2024

Founders Day January 14, 2024 Reception 1-2; ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m.

Arts and Letters reminder of the red carpet event for The Color Purple. SOLD OUT

Scholarship-support this endeavor by selling tickets and attending

World AIDS DAY is December 1, 2023.

Jingle and Mingle will occur after chapter meeting on December 2.

A motion to adjourn was entertained with the motion coming from Kacey Hanson, no opposition noted.



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



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## Summary of Motions

Motion	Moved by	Second offered by	Motion Result
Adoption of Agenda with the addition to add a recommendation from the Founders Day Committee and move the announcement regarding the 49 <sup>th</sup> annual regional conference before the nominating committee report.	Jacqueline Habersham	Anita Daniels	Carried (31 for 0 against)
Moved that Austin Alumnae Chapter hosts Delta Day at City of Hutto during the month of February	Celeste Williams	Not needed, submitted by committee	Discussion occurred around focus/intent of the endeavor. Carried (28 for 2 against)
Move that the Austin Alumnae Chapter host and participate in Delta Day of Service on January 13, 2024 at the following locations- Ronald McDonald House, Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center and a virtual option that will benefit the Austin Diaper Bank.	Tamala Saldana	Not needed, submitted by committee	Discussion occurred around chosen locations and if the event is open to the public Carried (26 for 0 against)
Move to adjourn	Kacey Hanson	LaKisha Crenshaw	Carried on consent

Approved:

Robin T. Blackmon, President

Darralyn N. Johnson, Recording Secretary

Presiding Officer